

CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENT

WWF CARPE II PROJECT

ANNUAL WORKPLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The second phase of CARPE has given WWF again an opportunity to advance the conservation cause in the Central African region. Built up on the past five years experiences and lessons learned, WWF has received a lump sum of \$1, 801, 310.60 to carry out the following activities in the respective country in the region.

In Dzanga-Sangha Reserve, in Central African Republic:

- 1. work with the Societé de Bois de Bayanga –the logging company to establish and monitor controls on bushmeat hunting and trade, transportation in the logging concession
- 2. Provide support for on-going management costs for Dzanga-Sangha law enforcement unit
- 3. Provide curriculum support to the Kongana Regional training center

In Gamba Protected Area Complex, in Gabon:

- 1. Compile lessons learned on controlling bushmeat and environmental degradation with Oil companies
- 2. Under Community NRM, assess lessons learned at the Complex to identify community options for intervention points in Sustainable Natural Resource Management

In Minkebe Reserve, Gabon:

1. Test a community participatory mapping in two villages in Cameroon north of the Minkebe Reserve and in the Minkebe-Dja corridor

In addition to those project specific activities, WWF has overarching activities that encompass the three field projects, which are:

- 1. Providing on site, on the job mentoring for five senior level conservation counterparts (2 in Dzanga-Sangha, 2 in Minkebe and 1 in Gamba) in protected area management and biodiversity conservation, under Conservation Leadership Management.
- 2. Training and supporting a rapid survey team to survey biodiversity and conservation status of selected forest zones in areas of civil unrest.

Some of these main activity terms have been changed to reflect the reality of the field. For example the first activity of Dzanga-Sangha will be read on the workplan as Commercial Exploitation Control instead of working with Societé de Bois de Bayanga (SBB) because this activity involves all the Safari Hunting Associations, Hunter associations as well as the Logging companies. Targeting only the SBB logging company will limit the project's action in bushmeat control.

The community mapping exercise is going to be very expensive to carry out with the amount of funds available. There are no maps for this transboundary area, which means that an enormous sum of money is needed in order to come up with a good product for the entire region. Therefore the project managers are incline to use the actual fund to carry out socio-economic studies in this trinational area. Any advice on this kind of change from the donor's perspective will be very much appreciated.

Under Conservation Leadership development, the field projects are facing a language barrier. Presently the candidates participating in this leadership development have minimal English level that impedes their participation to the WWF Conservation College as proposed in the original proposal.

Therefore, we propose that these candidates attend intensive English immersion course for three to four months in English Speaking country, preferably here to the United States. Their coming here will allow to get acquainted with our US partners and specially our headquarters and to gain a better understanding of field operations. Any advice on this subject will also be very much appreciated.

WWF CARPE II FYO2 WORKPLAN										
DZANGA-SANGHA PROJECT	FY01	FY02			FY03				FY04	
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1
Activity 1: Commercial Exploitation Control										
(532-CF000551-6015)										
Recruitment of "division head"										
Installation at Bayanga										
Equipment purchases										
Site/Project/Office Visits: 2-3/year										
SBB control visits										
Quota meeting										
Activity 2: DS Leadership Development										
(532-CF000552-6015)										
Identification of training courses/exchange experiences										
(in consultation with Minkebe and Gamba projects)										
Participation in training, workshops, experience										
Exchanges										
Activity 3: Kongana Regional Training Center										
(532-CF000553-6015)										
Identification of trainer of trainers										
Training of trainers including curriculum development										
Training sessions: DS, trinational partners, sub-regional										
Partners – subjects to be determined										
Activity 4: Law Enforcement Support)										
(532-CF0005544-6015)										
Equipment purchase										
Anti-poaching patrols										

MINKEBE-DJA TRANSBORDER INITIATIVE	FY01	FY 02					FY04			
Activities 1: Community NRM	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1
Reevaluation of the current project activity in light of the										
current imminent needs in the Minkebe-Dja region										
(survey needs in large zone for Minkebe Dja Odzala										
transborder forest, survey needs in Minkebe Dja corridor										
linked to CI/WWF Ngoïla Mintom initiative):										
Discussions with Michael Brown (IRM), Richard										
Carroll, Tony Mokombo and Steve Gartlan (WWF).										
Rewriting of the proposal and transmission to USAID,										
so that the proposal reflects current needs.										
Development of methodology for field work										
Implementation of surveys in Minkebe Dja transborder										
zone										
Publication of report showing patterns of human activity										
(hunting, major trails, main socio-economic parameters)										
in relatively little documented Minkebe Dja transborder										
zone. This report will serve as an input for the										
transborder protected area planning and the development										
of a full GEF proposal for a transboundary conservation										
project.										
Activity 2: Conservation Leadership Development										
Identification of conservation counterpart(s) for										
attending WWF Conservation college										
Inscription of counterpart in WWF conservation college										
Learning plan development										
Attending workshops and on-line courses linked to										
college.										
Evaluating African Leadership Development needs in										
Minkebe and evaluation of training possibilities to										
complement on-the-job training										

GAMBA PROTECTED AREA COMPLEX	FY01		F	Y02			FY04			
	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	QTR1
Activity 1: Compile lessons learned on controlling bushmeat and environmental degradation with oil companies in the Gamba complex										
Characterize the direct and indirect impacts of the oil industry on biodiversity and wildlife populations in Gamba										
Characterize some socio-economic impacts of the oil industry in Gamba										
Investigate on the non compliance with the Gabonnese legislation by oil company in Gamba										
Develop and test mitigation measures to alleviate the effects of these impacts on biodiversity and local populations										
Explore the compensation mechanism that will permit financial contribution of oil companies to conservation activities in Gamba and elsewhere in the tropics										
Activity 2: Assess lessons learned at the Gamba Protected areas Complex to identify community options for intervention points in sustainable natural resource management										
Identify Stakeholders in the Urban and rural areas for awareness raising and develop methods and strategies for appropriate work with them										
Develop, disseminate and support the use of pedagogical material in primary school in the Gamba Protected Area Complex										
Provide Teacher training and in-class support for environmental issues in the Gamba area										
Conduct an assessment to distill lessons and options for community-centered natural resource management										
Disseminate information about the project throughout the project area										

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Activity 3: Gamba Leadership Development							
Identification of training courses/exchange experiences							
(in consultation with Minkebe and Dzanga-Sangha							
projects)							
Participation in training, workshops, experience							
Exchanges							
GAMBA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:							
Support Local NGO in Gamba Complex to carry out							
Environmental Awareness Programs							
Activity: Train and support rapid survey team to							
survey biodiversity and conservation status of							
selected forest zones in areas of civil unrest							
Hire a consultant to develop a training program which							
incorporates both theory and practical aspects of surveys							
and monitoring, including design, proposal, budgeting,							
preparation, analyses and reporting as well as different							
methods of surveys and monitoring, logistic and							
management.							
Train a core team of trainers, two from each ecoregion							
country. Trainer should be biologist experienced in all							
aspects of survey and monitoring							